The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, December 22, 1726.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Dec. 15.
Since our laſt arrived a French Mail.

Cadix, Nov 22.

WE are ſtill without the leaſt News from the W. Indies, which makes us firmly believe, that the Advice-boat ſo long look'd for from thoſe Parts is either loſt or taken. The 2 Advice-boats, and the 4 Men of War formerly mentioned, have not yet received Orders from Court to ſail for America. There is however a Report, that poſitive Orders have been ſent to Admiral Caſtagnetta, to put all at a Venture, in order to diſengage the Galleons which are blocked up in Porto Bello, and to bring them home.

Hamburg, Decem. 6. Letters from Copenhagen ſay, that the Daniſh Squadron was laid up; but the Sailors who are Norvegians, were ordered to repair again on board their reſpective Ships by the Beginning of March. And there was a Talk of adding 2 more Men of War of 60 Guns each to the ſaid Squadron. They write from Berlin, that his Pruſſian Majeſty having lately reviewed his tall Grenadiers, was much pleaſed with their Exerciſe and handſome Appearance.

Hague, Decem. 17. Their High Mightineſſes and the Council of State, ſpare no Coſt nor Pains to put the Barrier Towns into ſo good a Poſture of Defence, as not to be in Danger of Surprize in caſe of an Attack either from within or without; and yet it muſt be a knowledged after all, that in ſuch where the Garriſons conſiſt of Half Imperialiſts, and Half Dutch, their H. Mightineſſes will find it a difficult Matter to maintain themſelves if a Rupture ſhould happen; thro' the Partiality of the Burghers for the Auſtrian Government, notwithſtanding they would find their Account better with the Dutch, who pay their Quarters very punctually. Beſides, the Archdutcheſs has taken a Reſolution to augment the Number of Imperialiſts in theſe Towns, making uſe of the ſpecious Pretext of this State's late Augmentation of its Forces.

Mr. De la Rocque, Governor of Fort Knocke, and chief Ingeneer of this Republick, having had ſeveral Conferences with the Deputies of the Council of State, and received his laſt Inſtructions, is ſet out for Nimeguen, where he is to have the Direction of the new Works that are making to the Fortifications of that Place, and then to go viſit the other Fortreſſes upon the Frontier. Coeverden is not the leaſt important, becauſe it covers the Provinces of Overyſſel and Groeningen on the Side of the Biſhoprick of Munſter; and therefore it muſt not be neglected in the preſent critical Juncture.

The States of Holland, according to their preſent Scheme of Augmentation, will have in their Service,

Horſe,	4570
Dragooons,	2400
Foot,	46914
	53884

The Council of State demands the further Sum of 500,000 Florins, to make good the Fortifications, beſide the Million already granted; and the like Sum for ſtoring the Magazines upon the Frontiers.

Paris, Decem. 18. Within a few Days paſt ſeveral Experiments have been made of the Seed produced by a certain Tree which grows in Loviſiana, which yields by Ebullition four Ounces of Wax each Pound weight: The Wax is of a Brown-grey Colour, with a greeniſh Caſt; but they hope to find Means to make it as white and uſeful as other Wax.

Laſt Week Orders were given for delivering out one Million and eight hundred thouſand Livres to remount the Dragoons that were diſmounted ſome Years ago.

London, Decem. 15. A great Number of Palatines are embarked at Roterdam in the William, which ſailed the 6th Inſt. for Charles Town in South Carolina, to ſettle there.

The Royal Apartments at St. James's are fitting up with all Expedition, his Majeſty being to come hither next Week for Winter.

Mr.

Mr. Goodwin, Maſter of the Carolina Yatcht, going to the Water-ſide at Deptford about 3 of the Clock on the 6th of November laſt, ſaw a Wherry laden with large Shot, ſome of them 42 Ponders; there were in the ſaid Boat a Man and a Boy, but both ran away: Upon which he delivered the Boat and Goods to the Care of the Watch of the King's Yard. There hath been a Survey upon the Shot, and it appears they are not the King's. The Owner hath not yet claimed them.

We hear that the Earl of Stairs will be appointed his Majeſty's Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the States General.

The Spaniſh Ambaſſador is not going hence, as has been publiſhed.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, Dec. 15.

Petersburg, Nov. 27. The Purveyors of the Fleet have Orders to provide aſſoon as poſſible Salt Meat and Baccon for the Fleet for 4 Months. Notwithſtanding the Rigour of the Seaſon, they go on with the Building of the Men of War and Galleys upon the Stocks.

From the Daily Journal, Dec. 15.

Vienna, Dec. 6. On Saturday the Emperor held a Privy Council, at which Prince Eugene aſſiſted, the Reſult of which is not yet made publick. In the mean Time the Officers of the Army have drawn up an Eſtimate of the Expences of the preſent Augmentation of the Forces in the Hereditary Dominions for the Year 1727, which was referred to the Council. The States of Lower Auſtria, have in a Repreſentation made laſt Week to the Emperor, aſſured his Majeſty, that nothing in their Power ſhould be wanting to procure the deſired Happineſs of Peace and Tranquillity, and that the Sum they had lately granted to his Imperial Majeſty, ſhould upon urgent Occaſions be augmented.

Hamburg, Dec. 10. They write from Stockholm, that Count Wellings Affair was not yet decided by the States. His Friends are now of Opinion, that he will by Means of diſcovering ſome important Affair to the Court, obtain a Pardon.

Bonne, Dec. 12. Our Elector is come hither, and aſſembled his Council, to conſult the moſt proper Meaſures to be taken in the preſent Conjuncture. In the mean Time, Orders are given for inſpecting our fortified Towns on the Frontiers, that on all Events they may be put into a Poſture of Defence. 'Tis ſaid that our Troops are to be augmented againſt next Spring, after the Example of the other Princes of Germany.

Bruſſels, Dec. 14. The Ingeneer General of theſe Provinces, is come hither to draw up a Plan for the better fortifying the Sea Ports of the Auſtrian Netherlands. On Tueſday he had an Audience of the Archdutcheſs, who received him with abundance of Ceremony.

Paris, Dec. 18. The Abbot de St. Remy, Secretary to the Duke de Richlieu, arrived laſt Week at Verſailles, with Letters from his Excellency for his Majeſty. The Cardinal de Fleury has made a Preſent of a Diamond of great Value to the Abbot Gualtieri. On the 12th Mr. Walpole Ambaſſador of Great Britain, ſet out for Holland in his Way to England; from whence his Excellency is to return very ſhortly.

From the Evening Poſt, Decem. 15.

Hague, Dec. 17. The Deputies of the Province of Guelderland, having been to conſult their Principals, are returned hither, and this Morning delivered to the States General, the Conſent of the States of that Province to the ſecond Augmentation of Troops, and the raiſing of the Sums deſired by the laſt Petition of the Council of State, as alſo to the fitting out of 18 Men of War.

This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 100.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Decem. 15.

THE Dutch having agreed to the Scheme for a ſecond Augmentation of their Forces, they now conſiſt of in whole, to 53884 Men; they have likewiſe agreed to the fitting out of 18 Men of War; alſo to the Sums for the repairing the Fortifications and putting their Barrier Towns in ſuch a State of Defence, as not to be in Danger of a Surprize in Caſe of an Attack, either from within or without; but as in ſome of them the Garriſons conſiſting of half Imperialiſts and half Dutch, and the former by Reaſon of the Partiality of the Burghers, much ſuperior in Number, and likewiſe, that as the Archdutcheſs has taken a Reſolution to augment the Number of the Imperialiſts in thoſe Towns, it is feared that their High Mightineſſes will find it a difficult Task to mantain themſelves if a Rupture ſhould happen. In the mean Time the Emperor, notwithſtanding all the Projects he had laid to draw France from her late Engagements, will meet with a powerful Diverſion from the Troops of that Crown, which are already exceeding numerous in Alſace. And it is reported have taken Poſſeſſion of a Poſt which will prevent the intended March of the Palatine Troops into the Auſtrian

ſtrian Netherlands: And from Perpignan 'tis adviſed, that the French are remounting all the Artillery they have there upon their Carriages, and have diſtributed Arms and Cloaths among the Militia, lately raiſed in Roſilion, and have prohibited the carrying out of the laſt named Province, any Proviſions to Catalonia. On the other Hand the Spaniards continue their new Levies with utmoſt Expedition, to augment their Forces, which are ſaid to amount to 60,000.

'Tis apprehended that the Court of Madrid by their Preparations, have a Deſign to attack Gibraltar, whether 400 Tons of Proviſions are preparing to be ſhipt off hence for the Uſe of our Men of War ſtationed near that Place. It is publickly diſcourſed, that the Spaniſh Ambaſſador has actually been forbid the Court. The Dealers of our Manufactories, &c. begin to make Complaints of Decay in their Trade. But however our Enemies may flatter themſelves, the Edicts of the Emperor and King of Spain, prohibiting the Importation of our Cloths and Stuffs, Fuſtings and other of our Manufactories, into their Dominions, which will not cauſe any Diviſions or Inſurrections in this Kingdom.

According to our laſt Letters from the Weſt, the Weavers in thoſe Parts were become peaceable and quiet.

We have an Account from Jamaica 25th Sept. laſt, That the Snow Man of War was attacked by 16 Periaguas, each manned with 16 Men, a little to the Leeward of Portobello, and had very near taken her, but a freſh Gale of Wind ſpringing up, ſhe eſcaped and got ſafe to the Squadron near Portobello: That one of the Spaniſh Galleons endeavouring to make her Eſcape in the Night, fell a thwart our Admiral's Cables, by which Means ſhe was fruſtrate, and obliged to come to an Anchor under the Admiral's Stern. That the South Sea Ship Royal George, was ready to ſail on the Day of the Date above.

Letters this Day from Gibraltar confirm, that the Algerines had broke off with the French.

A few Days ago died at Uſuubridge, the Reverend and learned Dr. Lupton.

And 'tis ſaid Thomas Wyndham Eſq; is appointed Lord Chancellor for Ireland, from whence we are adviſed, that on the 6th Inſtant, 11 Men belonging to thoſe taken the Week before as they were embarking for the Chevalier's Service, were committed to Goal.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Dec. 15.

Alicant, Nov. 24. N. This Day a Courier from Madrid arrived here, with Letters for the Governor; which occaſioned a Rumour, of an Order being for ſeizing the Perſons and Effects of the Engliſh; but 'tis ſince ſaid, only to have brought Orders for ſhipping off a conſiderable Quantity of Gunpowder for Cadix.

Hague, Dec. 17. Count Coninſeck the Emperor's Envoy, having, in a Conference demanded by himſelf, rally'd their High Mightineſſes Deputies prety ſmartly, about the deſign'd Augmentation of our Garriſons in the Barrier Towns; alledging in the Archdutcheſs-Governeſs's Name, that it is contrary to the Tenor of the Barrier Treaty, and deſiring to be informed of the true Intent thereof; was anſwered by thoſe Deputies, That they were aſtoniſhed to hear the State's Right of augmenting the Garriſons of the Barrier Towns called in Queſtion by the Court of Bruſſels, and eſpecially upon the Foot of the Barrier Treaty, which obliges the Dutch to mantain at leaſt ſuch a Number of Men in thoſe Garriſons, without tying down their Hands from any larger Number. That it was yet the more ſurprizing, in regard the Imperial Court was always complaining, during the Adminiſtration of the Marquis de Prie, that thoſe Garriſons were too weak. After this Conference, the Count ſent Expreſſes to Bruſſels and Vienna,

London, Dec. 15. According to ſome Letters from Paris, King Staniſlaus is to command in Chief the French Army in Flanders, the Duke of Orleans the Infantry and the Prince of Conti the Cavalry.

Yeſterday and this Day the Marquis de Poſſobueno the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, has publiſhed an Advertiſement, giving Notice to all Tradeſmen and others that he owes any Sum of Money to, to come to his Houſe in Palmall from the 20th to the 23d Inſtant, being 4 Days ſucceſſively, to receive what is due to them; and we hear that his Excellency is on the point of ſetting out to return home.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 17.

THE King of Sardinia continues to fortifie his Frontier Towns, and to ſtore the Magazines of them with great Quantities of all Sorts of Proviſions and Amunitions of War, particularly that of

Caſal

Casal. But 'tis not yet known into which of the Treaties he will enter. Mean Time Letters from the Hague of the 17th Inst. remark, that his Minister to that Republick, was frequently in Conference with the Marquis de Fenelon and Mr. Finch.

As to the Accession of Sweden to the Treaty of Hanover, the same is not, as we can yet learn, determined; but the Town has been entertained with the Publication of the Arguments of two Swedish Gentlemen, for and against their Accession to the said Treaty: The chief Points urged by the latter are, Whether the English Fleet is sufficient to Guard the Swedish Coasts, at all Times from the Insults of the Russian Gallies? and, Whether England will not be tired with the Expence of sending a Squadron to the Baltick every Year? For the rest we refer you to the Prints.

According to Letters from Petersburg, the Czarina, for Encouragement of the Sailors, has ordered the Seamen to be kept in full Pay during the Winter; which now was so severe there, that most of the great Rivers were already passable with Sledges.

They write from Portsmouth, that they are busy at the Dock in fitting out the Ships that came from the Baltick; That the Rose was soon expected there with the Union's Men for the W. India Ships, which are to take on board the 3 Regiments for Gibralter. However, the Torbay, Chatham, and Advice, all of the Baltick Squadron, are refitting with the utmost Expedition; and the Men belonging to them, notwithstanding six Weeks Leave of Absence given them, are now ordered to repair on board these Ships, before the 28th Instant, on Pain of forfeiting the Wages due to them, and being proceeded against as Deserters.

They write from Dublin, that 3 Companies are to be added to each Regiment of Foot; and that a Regiment or two or Horse are to be raised in that Kingdom. 'Tis added, that Capt. Prat, who has been a Year in Prison for Deficiency in the publick Money, towards making up of which, he surrendred his Estate, and has brought his Accompts to so good Order, that the Petition was gone over to his Majesty for his Releasement. The Corpse of the late Lord Chancellor West was interred the 6th Inst. at Night at St. Anne's Church, in a private Manner.

We cannot learn, that the Reports which have been raised concerning the Spanish Minister, particularly that of his being forbid the Court, are true.

Last Night or early this Morning, the Head of a fine Equestrian Statue of his Majesty King George, erected on a Pedestal in the Center of Grosvenor Square near Hide Park Corner, was seperated from the Body; which appeared to be done purposely, by some disaffected Persons to the Government.

There has been imported from Leghorn 53 Dozen of Wizards for our Masquerades: So that we are like to have that Practice continued, notwithstanding the Representations made against it by our worthy Prelates.

The Rev. Dr. Mangey, Prebendary of Durham, is to preach at Lincoln's Inn Chapel, in room of Dr. Lupton; whose Will is a Subject of much Discourse, particularly that Part of it relating to his Books and Sermons.

Among other Notions given to Speculation, one is, That a few Weeks after Christmas a certain Great Marriage will be declared.

P. S. 'Tis reported, that Marshal Berwick will, in case of a War, be General of the French Army in Flanders.

Sir Charles Wager is expected at Portsmouth the next Week.

Edinburgh, Decem. 22.

We see in the last *Amsterdam Gazette* the following Words: "Letters from London affirm, that "they are going to augment the Troops of that "Kingdom with 6000 Men.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†*† That the annual General Meeting of the FRIENDLY CONTRIBUTERS of Edinburgh, is to be held on Monday the Ninth of January next, at 3 a clock after Noon, in Mary's Chapel; where all concerned are desired to be present.

¶ That on THIS 22d Day of December Inst. betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, in the *House* of Mris. Don Vintner in Edinburgh, there is to be sold by publick voluntary Roup, the Lands of Laghall, Netherton, Boigs, Priestlands, Redbrae, Woodhead and Miln Armanoch and Marchromne, with a Salmond Fishing on the Water of Nith, paying 107 L. 6 sh. 8 d. Sterl. of Yearly free Rent, beside Kains and Casualities, holden of the Crown Taxtward, lying within a Mile or thereby of the Burgh of Dumfries, the greatest Part thereof betwixt the Waters of Nith and Crirgin, in the Parish of Troquire and *Stewartry* of Kircudbright. The Progress of the Writs with the Rental and Conditions of Sale, to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet at his Writing Chamber in Edinburgh.

Fishery-Office, Decem. 13, 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Fishing-Copartnery give Notice, That they are to expose to Sale by publick Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh, upon the 31st Day of January next, at 3 after Noon, the Copartnery's LANDS of Peterhead, and some FEUS and FISH-BOATS in Stonehaven. The Rental and Conditions of Sale to be seen at the Copartnery's Office.